

FIRST EDITION CUBA.

The Abolition of Slavery—Decrease of the Revolutionary Junta—Conflicting Accounts of the Situation.

Financial Condition of the Island.

The N. Y. Times has the following correspondence from Havana to March 18:—The Cuban revolutionists appear to have taken a more decided step, intended to bring them, to a certain extent at least, the moral aid of the United States and England...

REVOLUTION OF SLAVERY.

The institution of slavery brought to Cuba by the Spanish Government should be abolished with that government. The Assembly of the Representatives of the Central and Eastern provinces, in the name of liberty and the people they represent, decrees...

The owners of the men who until now were slaves shall be indemnified for their losses. All individuals who by the means of the decree obtain their liberty, will contribute by their exertions to obtain the liberty of Cuba.

To effect this, all who are considered manumitted, shall be obliged to be enrolled in our ranks, and enjoy the same pay and privileges as the remainder of the soldiers of the liberal army.

Those who do not fit for service will, during the continuance of the war, perform the same labor they perform at present in order to preserve the property of the country...

A special decree will be issued defining the means for carrying out the above.

CAMAGUEY, the 20th of February, 1869.—The Assembly—Salvador Cisneros Betancourt, Juan Antonio Mella, Juan Antonio Mella, Juan Antonio Mella...

Whether this document produces a better effect and will prove more successful than the first proclamation remains to be seen.

The revolution goes its usual way, and reports about so-called battles daily fill the pages of the Havana dailies.

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Elopement with a Prince.

The latest Paris journals announced the elopement from that city to Cologne of the Prince de Bourbon, Duke of Havilla, and his wife, Miss A. H. Miss A. H. is no less than Miss Amelia Isabel Hamet, a native of New Orleans...

REVOLT AT SING SING.

Desperate Attempts by the Prisoners to Escape—A Keeper Murdered—Particulars of the Emeute.

Upon one of the inside pages of this issue will be found a telegram announcing the revolt which occurred at Sing Sing Prison, N. Y., yesterday morning. The following are fuller details of the second emeute.

At 10 o'clock on the morning of the 17th, seven of the convicts, named respectively Timothy Donovan, Daniel O'Donnell, Edward Magin, James McQuay, Philip Allen, Donnelly, and William Buck, led by James McAuley, rushed on the guard, stationed at the middle dock post, and having overpowered him, he was killed and his arms and a revolver, all looted.

Being unarmed the latter obeyed, and the convicts at once cut the vessel loose from the dock, after warning the captain and crew not to offer any resistance.

McAuley then commenced firing at the guards who were hurrying to the rescue. In this attack he was joined by his companions who were charged in their weapons. A shot from the keeper at the top of the dock brought McAuley down, and the captain of the boat, who was wrenched the carbine from his grasp, closed him with it. While any one of the convicts on the vessel was in the act of firing on her deck a brisk fire was kept up by the prison officials on the shore, and this with the aid of the crew overpowered the would-be runaway, who were soon landed and taken charge of.

During the affray McAuley received two wounds, one in the arm and another in the leg, and he was taken to the hospital. The other convicts were taken to the hospital, and the vessel was taken to the pier in order to escape had been leisurely concocted.

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OFFICE-SEEKING.

The Mania for Getting Into the Government Service.

Says the New York Commercial Advertiser:—There is a heavy brigade of office-seekers and their friends at Washington. The city is full of them, and the very air is so impregnated with the spirit of the thing that it is a curious one.

Those who make politics a business seek office as a reward for sitting up nights with the party through a long campaign. Important men in the service will offer to do favors for their friends, in order to retain their importance and keep the leaves and the dishes for the sustenance of a election.

Poor men want office for the pay it brings. Rich men seek it for the position and the very high salary that goes with it. They want office to see what it is like, or to gratify their natures want office as a means of gaining a livelihood quietly and without too much thought as to the future.

It is curious that among the seekers for office we find so many men who are completely ignorant of how rewards would seem to be beneath their notice. Rich men will take an office whose compensation is small, and men of undoubted capacity will tie up their abilities with the red tape and the work of a day.

Office is so wild and general that it serves to draw the whole community within its influence. It is not an office-seeker, he has backed B, and signed papers for all the rest of the alibi. He has signed for many, and he must feel an interest in some. Fortunately for the country, there is some one who is not the measure of the necessity of those who seek it.

Some who fail, despair; but to thousands the loss is for the excitement of the thing and it is not so much the office as the money that they sleep as soundly after it as if they had achieved a grand success.

The disappointment soon wears off. Not so with others, who have wasted time and money and staked reputation for office, and who are left with nothing but a common experience with lookers on in Washington. Indeed, one need not go out of town to see all the phases of office-seeking, the joy of one, the grief of another, the indifference of a third, and the contempt of a fourth.

None of these things are new. There are men who take office more precious than mere gold, with stakes often more precious than mere gold. Why there should be a change in office with every change in government is a mystery of American politics.

Nothing short of a Civil War will cure the evil, and even such a measure might prove a delusion and a snare. So long as politicians buy office by promises, so long will they be called on to redeem them, and happy is he who has not promised everything for nothing.

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